

# FCNP Guest Lecture Series

Fall 2017–Spring 2018, Biodiversity Education Center, 367 Freeport Parkway, Coppell

## Sat., Sept. 16, 10 am to 12, “Bats of North Texas”

Rachel Richter, an Urban Wildlife Biologist for Texas Parks and Wildlife in the DFW area, will discuss bat biology, which bat species call DFW home, why bats are so important, and the current threats to bat populations. Richter has a bachelor's degree in Wildlife and Fisheries Science from Texas A&M and a master's degree in Wildlife Ecology from Texas State. As an urban wildlife biologist, she focuses on making our communities more wildlife-friendly through educational outreach and providing technical guidance. Admission is free.

## Sat., Oct. 21, 10 am to 12, “Animal Adventures”

Brought to the Biodiversity Education Center by the Dallas Zoo, this interactive program features animals from around the world. The Dallas Zoo is home to over 400 species and more than 2,000 animals. Family-oriented and designed to enhance school curriculum this program features six to eight educational animals including a variety of birds, mammals, and reptiles! Admission is free.

## Sat., Nov. 18, 10 am to 12, “Dinosaur George”

Dinosaur George is a traveling museum and assembly program that teaches school students and dinosaur enthusiasts about the amazing creatures that once ruled our planet. With live visual relics and assembly programs, your event will become an event that will be remembered for a lifetime. Dinosaur George offers dinosaur relics of all kinds for those who collect our prehistoric history. From rare dinosaur replicas to children's dinosaur books and videos; Dinosaur George has something for everyone. This is an extremely popular presentation so seating is restricted to tickets purchased in advance online. The web site for purchase will be published in September. Two one-hour presentations---one at 10 and one at 11 am. Admission is \$5 per person.

## Sat., Jan. 20, 2018, 10 am to 12, “Benefits of Bees”

Peer into the world of bees! If bees didn't exist in our world today, it would look like a very different place - and our lives wouldn't be nearly the same either. These industrious insects have been around for roughly 125 million years and although bee numbers are sadly declining, the remaining survivors continue to act as invaluable resources to our planet in numerous ways. Bee hobbyist Bruce Crozier will be talking about this fascinating insect. Admission is free.

## Sat., Feb 17, 10 am to 12, “Butterfly Gardening”

Roger Sanderson, Director of Horticulture for Texas Discovery Gardens, will discuss to the BEC butterflies of North Texas and gardening options to attract them. Imagine butterflies opening their colorful wings for the first time among the lush vegetation of your own garden. Learn to create an outdoor native butterfly habitat that attracts native butterflies with nectar-rich plants and attractive butterfly buffets. Admission is free.

## Sat., March 17, 10 am to 12, “Geology & Fossils of CNP”

Dr. David Goodner, geology instructor at North Lake College, is returning to our BEC podium to present his thoughtful presentation and hands-on tour of the Nature Park to describe the geology of our area and the fossils that comprise our specific archeological history. Dr. Goodner's presentations have been a big success within numerous CISD classrooms as well. This is a must-see presentation and is very popular with students and adults. Admission is free.

## Sat., April 21, 10 am to 12, “Frogs--They are Calling....are you Listening?”

Frogs are all over the metroplex, but you are more likely to hear them before you see them! Join Jessie Crowley, Lead Naturalist Educator for the Perot Museum and frog lover for a few tips and tricks to ID local frogs and toads by sight and sound. Admission is free.

## Sat., May 19, 10 am to 12, “Raptors of North Texas”

Erich Neupert, Executive Director of the Black Land Prairie Raptor Center, will return to the Biodiversity Education Center to discuss and demonstrate these great birds. He will have live birds to illustrate the characteristics and exceptional hunting abilities of these birds. Don't miss this one-of-a-kind presentation. Admission is free.

## Sat., Last Minute Alternate, 10 am to 12, “Residential Solar”

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Solar energy in this country is becoming very affordable and several companies make “going solar” financially attractive. This seminar is about actual residential costs, results, and experiences as garnered from area residents who use solar to offset rising electrical demand. Plus, the latest updates about proposed solar delivery fees will be discussed. Coppell resident Lou Duggan will share his hands-on and objective experiences with solar from actual costs to savings. If considering solar, you will want to hear what he has to say. Admission is free.